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The following tabulates the steel production in and steel import to East Germany in 1952 and the original and revised 1953 production figures and the actual output and import of steel in 1953:

1. 1952 Importation		1953 import plan		1953 import
		original plan	new plan	actual
1. Thin rod steel)		17,000	49,860	48,323
2. Thick rod steel)	30,413	15,000	46,400	34,038
3. Heat-treated steel band	2,069	1,000	1,000	1,025
4. Alloyed steels	?	?	?	7,691
5. Thick plates	99,205	102,000	?	138,923
6. Medium plates	6,808	22,400	?	27,731
7. Special steel sheets for electrical purposes	836	?	?	1,953
8. Transformer sheets	1,393	1,100	?	3,048
9. Dynamo sheets	98	?	?	4,363
10. Pickled sheets	15,034	18,900	?	18,121
11. Car body sheets	---	---	?	---
12. Ultra-thin sheets (up to 0.9-mm)	5,231	12,600	?	11,997
13. Very thin sheets (over 0.9 mm)	16,116	4,000	?	5,152
14. Profiles (up to 180-mm)	3,111	4,000	10,960	9,377
15. Profiles (over 180-mm)	20,284	25,000	28,535	25,723
16. Standard rails	1,667	3,400	54,090	42,105
17. Pit rails	350	---	---	---
18. Seamless boiler-heating tubes	31,000	37,000	?	44,428

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		1953 import	1953 import	1953 import
		original plan	new plan	production
		in tons		
19.	Rolled wire	8,509	11,000	26,000
20.	Wheel disks and tires	11,498	11,000	17,000
21.	Welded threaded tubes	1,169	3,000	?
22.	Seamless and welded precision steel tubes	3,391	2,300	?
23.	Welded boiler-heating tubes	?	?	?
24.	Bare steel	?	500	1,000
25.	Cold-treated band	4,595	5,500	5,350
26.	Spring band steel	319	1,200	1,050
27.	Silver steel	?	?	500
28.	Tin band	---	500	500

  

2. 1952 Production		1953 plan	1953 production
		original plan	new plan
		in tons	
11.	Thin rod steel)	143,600	136,300
2.	Thick rod steel)	408,753	375,020
3.	Heat-treated steel band	78,832	74,000
4.	Alloyed steels	?	20,860
5.	Thick sheets	266,958	300,840
6.	Medium sheets	39,095	57,600
7.	Special steel sheets for electrical purposes	2,658	?
8.	Transformer sheets	8,638	9,600
9.	Dynamo sheets	17,556	20,000
10.	Pickled sheets	35,668	37,000
11.	Car body sheets	2,153	3,400
12.	Ultra-thin sheets (up to 0.9-mm)	1,820	2,500
13.	Very thin sheets (0.9-mm and over)	106,563	123,500
14.	Profiles (up to 180-mm)	48,941	74,000
15.	Profiles (over 180 mm)	45,844	85,000
16.	Standard rails	28,149	58,400
17.	Pit rails	11,404	20,000
18.	Seamless boiler heating tubes	15,485	39,000
19.	Ingots for forges	102,516	110,000
20.	Rolled wire	58,608	77,500
21.	Wheel disks and wheel tires	29,559	41,000
22.	Welded and threaded tubes	23,712	24,000
23.	Seamless and welded precision steel tubes	3,325	4,800
24.	Welded boiler-heating tubes	?	?
25.	Bare steel	?	50,500
26.	Cold-treated steel band	23,819	38,250
27.	Tin bands	1,145	1,700

\*) The figures for the Willi Becker Works do not included the December 1953 output.

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the 1953 importation of standard railroad rails was indicated as 34,000 tons. Later it was stated that this figure was erroneously inserted and had to be reduced to 3,400 tons. Its increase to about 54,000 tons was

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the result of special agreements on additional imports of rails from the USSR. If the statements made on the revised importation plan and the actual importations of thin and thick rod steel are correct, there is reason to believe that an agreement has been made with the USSR. Prior to 30 September 1953, these imports fluctuated within the limits of the import quotas, which were considerably lower. [REDACTED]

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The 1953 steel production amounted to 1,534,950 tons and steel imports to 481,551 tons. Other statements value the 1953 output of rolled steel in East Germany at 1,130,277 tons, exclusive of the SAG plants.

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